was 414.61 lakh tonnes against which the offtake was 333.47 lakh tonnes. No incident of starvation death has been reported by any State Government/Union Territories.

Food subsidy

†526. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of money being provided to the States in the form of Central Food subsidy for the past three years has been on the rise every year;

(b) if so, the amount of money provided to the States under this head during the last three years alongwith the names of the States;

(c) whether it is a fact Orissa is not being provided such aid under the head as per its requirement and demand; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the aid would be provided as per the demand and requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement showing the amount of food subsidy released to various States under the scheme of decentralized procurement (DCP) of foodgrains during the last three years is given in the Statement. (*See* Below)

(c) No, Sir. Food subsidy to each State under the DCP scheme, including Orissa, is released on the basis of quantities of foodgrains procured and distributed by the State Govt. under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes on applicable rate of subsidy.

(d) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Amount of food subsidy released to the States under the Decentralised Procurement Scheme during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Chhatisgarh	158.60	89.94	628.87
Madhya Pradesh	128.27	66.74	118.75
Orissa*	Nil	Nil	40.96
Tamil Nadu	Nil	45.82	27.21
Uttaranchal	13.97	80.43	92.73
Uttar Pradesh	1120.70	975.62	1377.96
West Bengal	81.19	27.41	179.97

*Orissa has undertaken decentralized procurement of foodgrains only from 2004-05.

Coverage under TPDS

527. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of below poverty line families are still out of the purview of the Targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of HVOCL

528. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi has ordered the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited to close its Unit by making all payments to its employees and that more than 67 per cent